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By the King.

THe Kings moſt Excellent Maieſtie, conſidering what peril oftentimes enſueth by the meanes of great aſſemblies of people in the time of infectious diſeaſes; doth therfore ſtraitly charge and command, that no maner of perſon or perſons, of what eſtate, degree, or condition he or they be, inhabiting within the Cities of London, and Weſtminſter, and the Suburbes of the ſame, or any other place where the Infection of the Plague is, or hath bene within ſixe weekes next before the date hereof, doe preſume to reſort, or come vnto his Highneſſe Court at Whitehall, or wherſoeuer it ſhall pleaſe the King, the Queene, or the Prince to lie or abide, vntill ſuch time as his Highneſſe pleaſure ſhall bee further knowen therein, except the Lords the Biſhops of this Realme, the Iudges of the Lawe, his Maieſties learned Councell, the principall Magiſtrates of the Cities of London, and Weſtminſter, and all Houſhold ſeruants of his Maieſties, and other neceſſary perſons for prouiſions of his Highneſſe Houſhould, not hauing the Infection of the Plague in their houſes, or neere vnto them, by the ſpace of ſixe weekes, as aforeſaid.

It is alſo further by his Maieſtie thus prouided, That if any other (except before excepted) ſhall haue neceſſary cauſe to reſort or come vnto the Court from any of the places before named, the ſame perſons ſhall not come within the vtter gates of the Court, vntill they haue firſt ſent one of the Kings Maieſties Porters at the Gates, and to him declared, vnto whom they haue neceſſary occaſion to repaire within the Court, And thereupon the ſaide Porter ſhall cauſe the parties to ſtay abroad, without entring into any Houſe, Tent, or companie of any perſon, and ſhall certifie the Lord Steward, the Lord Chamberlaine, the Treaſourer, the Comptroller, the Secretary, the Vicechamberlaine, or any other of his Maieſties Priuie Councell, or ſome of the principall Officers of the Greenecloth, if the matter ſhal appertaine to the Kings Maieſties Houſhould, according to the qualitie of the matter, and of the perſons with whome the parties haue to doe in the Court: and by a Warrant in Writing vnder the hands of any of the ſaid Lords Counſellers, or Officers, or by ſignification from ſome principall perſon about them, certified to any of the Kings Maieſties Porters, that the ſaid perſons ſhall or may come into the Court: then the ſaid Porter ſhall permit and ſuffer them ſo to doe: otherwiſe the ſaid perſons ſhalbe commanded to returne without any longer abiding, vpon paine of his Maieſties grieuous diſpleaſure, and ſeuere puniſhment in the Marſhalſey.

Giuen at our Palace of Weſtminſter, the firſt day of Nouember, in the fourth yeere of our Reigne of Great Britaine, France and Ireland.

God ſaue the King.

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